Providentially the traditions of their honorable lives are being capably carried on by Ramon Avancena, the present Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines. He is their worthy successor, the trustee of their bequests of worthy names and worthy judicial records. Ramon Avancena's training as Judge of First Instance, Attorney-General, and Associate Justice well equip him for the position he holds. The same as his predecessors, he is invariably the courteous gentleman. He is more like Mapa than any of the others, being small in stature, and in method being concise and logical in expression. But Chief Justice Avancena possesses one quality which was partially lacking in the other Filipino jurists. He has executive ability. His other dominant qualities are courage and modesty. In one sensational case it became his duty as a judge to vote for imprisonment for a person with whom he was closely connected by marriage ties 5 but he performed that disagreeable duty without a thought of the consequences to himself. It is also told of him that when offered the position of Attorney-General he wished to decline, doubting his ability to fill the position, and was only convinced when it was shown him that it was his duty to do so. The Supreme Court of the Philippines under the Philippine Commonwealth will be in good hands if left to the guidance of Mr. Chief Justice Avancena.

Cayetano S. Arellano, the gentleman, the jurist5 Floren-

tine Torres, the vigorous, the worker 5 Victorino Mapa, the logician, the patriot 5 Manuel Araullo, the independent, the just; Ignacio Villamor, the kind-hearted, the industrious_____
May they rest in peace. Ramon Avancena, the modest, the executive— May he be granted many more years in which to labor for the good of his people. All were my companions and my friends.